

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action of December 28, 2006.

Claims 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 19-21 are cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are now moot.

The Examiner stated that Claims 11, 15, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have therefore amended the claims in the manner recommended by the Examiner. Claim 7 was amended to include the limitation of claim 11 and intervening claims 8 and 10. Claim 15 was amended to include the limitations of base claim 7 and intervening claim 8. Claim 16 was amended to include the limitation of claim 18 and intervening claim 17. By virtue of these amendment, it is respectfully submitted that claims 7, 9, and 12-16 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants have also added new claims 22-24, which are computer readable medium counterparts to the allowable subject matter of claims 11, 15, and 18.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

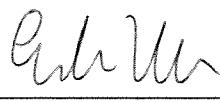
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